

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in paragraphs [0021], [0052] and [0053] of the specification. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,425,665 to Kennedy; and rejects claims 2, 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kennedy in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0181133 to Miyazawa et al. ("Miyazawa"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The references fail to disclose and would not have rendered obvious "the circular plastic material being selected from a semi-finished lens blank or a lens blank, the semi-finished lens blank having a curved surface shape that is frequently ordered in a past actual order record and being used for forming the frequently ordered curved surface shape, the lens blank being used for forming a curved surface shape that is ordered at low frequency in the past actual order record," as recited in independent claims 1 and 4.

Kennedy fails to disclose the above-recited feature. In addition, Miyazawa fails to remedy this deficiency. Furthermore, the above-recited feature can reduce the amount of material removed during processing of the spectacle lens as well as reduce the processing time (see specification, paragraphs [0052] and [0053]). In addition, the types of semi-finished lens blanks can be dramatically reduced by using the lens blank (see specification, paragraphs [0052] and [0053]). Such benefits cannot be achieved by Kennedy and Miyazawa. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 4 are patentable over the references.

Dependent claims 2, 3 and 5 depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, those dependent claims are patentable at least for their dependence from independent claim 1, as well as for the additional features those dependent claims recite.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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